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Prognostication

For the Year of our
LORD GOD 1678.

beginning the second after Bissextile or Leap Year
and from the Creation of Adam 5657.

wherein is contained the exact Day, Hour
and Minut of the new Moon, her Full and
Quarters: with a Description of the
Eclipses; The daily disposition of the
weather, and moveable Feasts; with the
whole known Fairs in Scotland.

Exactly calculated according to Art, for the
Meridian of the most famous City of
Edinburgh.

Whose Latitude is $56^{\circ} 04'$
Longitude is $21^{\circ} 59'$

By an expert Mathematician

Aberdeen, Printed for the Year, 1678.



 Accurate computation of memorable things
 to this present year, 1678.

	The Creation of the World	562
	The Flood of Noah	3971
	The destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah	3581
	The building of Rome	2430
	The building of Edinburgh Castle.	2008
	Forus the first King of Scotland	2007
	The Passion and Death of Christ	1645
	The last destruction of Jerusa. by Vespas.	1600
Since	The Christian Faith was first received in Scotland	1468
	The first invention of Guns	1478
	The invention of Printing	1475
	The Gun powder Treason, Nov. 5.	1605
	The great Plague in London, 1625.	1625
	The Birth of King CHARLES } First	1600
	the } Second	1625
	The great fire in London	1666

Common Notes and moveable feasts for this
 year, 1678.

The Golden Number is 7
 The Epact 17
 Dominical Letter F
 Fastens even, or Shrove-tuesday: Feb. 1
 Pasch or Easter-day March 1
 Whitsunday May 1



Of the Eclipses, 1678



T Here will be three Eclipses of the Sun, this year, the first the 5, of October, a little after 3 in the morning.

The second the 11 of October, a little past 5 afternoon.

The third the 4 of November, a little past 8 in the morning. But none of these to be seen by us,

The first Eclipse of the Moon, the 26 of Aprile, about half an hour before 5 in the afternoon.

The second the 19 of October at 7 a clock at night.

These two will be total Eclipses: the latter may be seen by us, the Moon being totally eclipsed a little after 8 at night:



*A description of the four Quarters of the year : and first,
Of the Spring.*

THe Spring Quarter begins at the Sun's entrance in the Equinoctial Sign *Aries*, which is upon the 10 of *March*, at 3 hours in the morning, making the days and nights of an equal length.

Of Summer.

Summer Quarter taketh its beginning when the Sun entreth the first minute of the Tropical Sign *Cancer*, which is upon the 11 day of *June*, 54 minutes past 5 in the morning, when the days are at the longest.

Of Harvest.

Autumn, or Harvest Quarter, taketh its beginning when the Sun entereth the Equinoctial Sign *Libra*, which happeneth the 12 of *September*, 34 minutes past 9 at night, the day & night being equal.

Of Winter.

Winter Quarter taketh its beginning when the Sun entreth the Sign *Capricorn*, which is upon the 11 *December*, 13 minutes past 9 in the morning, the day, being at the shortest, and nights at the longest. The

The exact Changes of the Moon, her Full and Quarters; with the monethly rising and setting of the Sun, and daily disposition of the weather.

January begins on Tuesday. xxxi. Dayes.

Sun riseth 27 min. before 9. sets 27 min. after 3.

Last quar. on Sunday 6 day 30 min. past 1 morning

Change on Saturday 12 day, 12 min. past 9 at night

First quar. on Saturday 19 day, 10 min. past 4 aft. m.

Full Moon on Sunday 27 day, 20 min. past 6 at night

The Year begins with various weather, and high northerly winds, for the first ten dayes: from thence to the xvi. cold snowy and sleety weather or (it may be) great floods of snow: then about the xvi. change of weather, and to the xxviii. more fair and seasonable, winds westerly, then at the end some more snow, or slabby weather, and high winds.

February begins on Friday xxviii. Dayes.

Sun riseth 30 min. before 8 sets 30 min. after 4.

Last quar. on Monday 4 day, 30 min. past 3 aftern.

Change on Monday 11 day 12 min. past 7 morning

First quar. on Monday 18 day, 10 min. past 8 morn.

Full Moon on Tuesday 26 day, 5 min. past 12 at night

The first three days fair, then to the x. seems to be more boisterous, from thence to the xviii. constant frosts, wind Easterly: then to the xxvi cloudy, with some mingling shawres of snow, the rest very cold W. N. E.

March begins on Friday. xxxi. Dayes.

Sun riseth 38 min. before 7. sets 28 min. after 5.

Last quar. on Wednesday 6 day, 12 min. past 1 morn.

Change on Tuesday 12 day, at 5 a'clock afternoon.

First quar. on Wednesday 20 day, 10 min. past 2 mor.

Full Moon on Thursday 28 day, 30 min. past 3 morning

This moneth begins doubtfully. the winds oft changing, with cold and unwholsom weather to the xi. day from thence to the xx more clear and warme, yet not without cold frosty mornings, winds south-west: the rest probably some moisture or rain, with some sudden hail or stormy.

April begins on Sunday. xxx. Dayes.

Sun riseth 53 min. before 6. sets 53 min. after 6.

Last quar. on Thursday 4 day, 36 min. past 7 morning
Change on Thursday 11 day, 30 min. past 3 morning
First quar. on Thursday 18 day, 30 m. past 8 at night
Full Moon on Friday 26 day, 30 m. past 4 afternoon

From the first to the x. cold weather, W. S. E. then to the xviii. high winds and cold mornings, yea perhaps some hail or stormy, from thence to the xxvi. more temperat, and kindly springing shewres, the rest variable shuting and shining, the winds at west.

May begins on Wednesday. xxxi. Dayes.

Sun riseth 56 min. before 5. sets 56 min. after 7.

Last quar. on Friday 3 day, 18 min. past 2 afternoon
Change on Friday 10 day, 8 min. past 3 afternoon.
First quar. on Saturday 18 day, 11 m. past 2 afternoon
Full Moon on Sunday 26 day, 3 min. past 3 morning

This moneth begins with comfortable weather fit for the season, some gentle shewres refreshing the Earth now and then, even till the xviii. winas westerly, from thence to the xxvi. some colder, and a little stormy and rainy, then to the end somewhat uncertain, with dry Easterly winds

June begins on Saturday. xxx. Dayes.

Sun riseth 44 min. before 4. sets 44 min. after 8.

Last quar. on Saturday 1 day, 20 min. past 7 at night
Change on Sunday 9 day, 44 min. past 3 morning.
First quar. on Munday 17 day, 30 m. past 6 morning
Full Moon on Munday 24 day, at 11 a'clock forenoon

Gloomy and dark weather till the iv. then to the vii. looking for thunder, from thence to the xvii. pleasant gales of wind clearing the Air, then to the xxiv. unsettled weather for several dayes, and to the end inclining to thunder, lightnings and sudden shewres, Wind at Southeast.

July begins on Munday. xxxi. Dayes.

Sun riseth 37 min. before 4. sets 37 min. after 8.

Last quar. on Munday 1 day, 28 min. past 1 morning
Change on Munday 8 day, 30 min. past 5 afternoon
First quar. on Tuesday 16 day, 30 m. past 8 at night
Full Moon on Tuesday 23 day, 10 m. past 6 afternoon
Last quar. on Tuesday 30 day, 8 m. past 10 forenoon

A clear and wholesome aire, comfortable both to man and beast, till the xii. then to the xx. fair westerly winds, with some rain now and then, from thence various weather to the end, with some strong blasts.

August begins on Thursday. xxxi. Dayes.

Sun riseth 41 min. before 5. sets 41 min. after 7.

Change on Wednesday 7 day, 30 min. past 8 morning

First quar. on Thursday 15 day, 38 m. past 8 morning

Full Moon on Thursday 22 day, 30 m. past 1 morning

Last quar. on Wednesday 28 day, 58 m. past 9 at night

Open weather till the v. day, then to the xi. some cold showres, from thence to the xviii. boysterous gales of wind, and variation of weather, the rest misty close weather, yet not much rain. winds North and West.

September begins on Sunday. xxx. Dayes

Sun riseth 29 min. before 6, sets 29 min. after 6.

Change on Thursday 5 day, 44 min. past 12 at night

First quarter on Friday 13 day, at 7 a clock at night

Full Moon on Friday 20 day, 40 m. past 9 morning,

Last quar. on Friday 27 day, at 2 a clock afternoon

Good dry weather for the Harvest the first eight dayes, (therefore let Labourers be bussie) from thence to the xv. some change of weather and rainy, then to the xxii. more fair, and to the xxvii. unwholsome, cold and moistie weather, the rest more temperate, windes south-west.

October begins on Tuesday, xxxi. Dayes

Sun riseth 16 min. before 7. sets 16 min. after 5.

Change on Saturday 5 day, 10 min. past 5 afternoon

First quar. on Sunday 13 day, 20 min. past 3 morning

Full Moon on Sunday 19 day, 15 min. past 8 at night

Last quar. on Sunday 27 day, 10 min. past 8 morning

High westerly frosty winds, pierceing cold till the ix. day, from that to the xviii. day gloomy, flabbie and darke, the wind Northward with some rain or snow, then to the xxvii. sometimes faire, and sometimes rainie, the rest more close weather, but cold. Wind south-east.

November begins on Fryday. xxx. Dayes

Sun riseth 4 min. before 8, sets 4 min. after 4.

Change on Monday 4 day, 30 min. past 9 morning

First

First quar. on *Munday* 11 day, 18 m. past 11 forenoon

Full Moon on *Munday* 18 day, 10 m. past 9 morning

Last quar. on *Tuesday* 26 day, 40 m. past 5 morning

Some snow or rain, with sharp weather till the vii. day, then to the xii. more fair, from thence to the xviii. mistie vapours, and close foggie weather. the Winds Easterly, and then to the end. hodge podge of all sorts of weather, wind frost, snow, sleet, even to the end of the year.

December begins on Sunday. xxxi. Days

Sun riseth 16 min. before 9. sets 16 min. after 3.

Change on *Tuesday* 3 day, 50 min. past 11 at night

First quar. on *Tuesday* 10 day, 20 min. past 7 at night

Full Moon on *Tuesday* 17 day, 30 m. past 12 at night

Last quar. on *Thursday* 26 day, 46 m. past 2 morning

As for this last month of December, it is not much matter, how the weather shal prove; for those who have abundance of fyre, and good chear, needs not to care, how the Planets playes their sports in the Skies, because now is the holy time. of Christmas, when those things, called, of Old, superstitious Geese, and Pyes, &c. shall be as ripe, as fair weather in Summer.

Ptolomeus of all men, hath good Opinion,
That roasted Mutton is good meat with an Onyon.
But say Ptolomeus what him list,
You shall find it true, that dirt is no dust.
Yet many a blast shall blow of sower winde,
For both men and women have holes behinde.
Howbeit. that is not so great a matter,
For men when they Piß, must needs make water.
But to conclide our weather for this year,
It is be foul when it rains, and fair when its clear.

ANd as for the General State of this Year 1678, you shall know, that the Winter may prove unsteadfast & changeable, with some frosts in the Spring; the Summer dry and hot, Flesh shall be dear, but Corn will be cheap: and many are like to dye of the bloody Fluxes, &c.

Now let us proceed to our Faires, and Mercats.

The

*The whole Yearly Fairs, and Weekly Mercats of
the Kingdom of Scotland, in good Order.*

Fairs within the Shire of Aberdeen are first as followeth.

January, S. Naughlans Fair at the town of old Meldrum the 2 tuesday, belonging to the right honorable, the Laird of Meldrum. S. Naughlans fair also at the Kirk of Bethelnie, into the Gerry, the 7 day, S. Pauls fair at Turreff in Buchan upon the last tuesday, belonging to the right noble Lord, IOHN, Earle of ERROL.

February, Candlemass fair at the town of Rattray, into the Parish of Crimond in Buchan, upon the first tuesday after Candlemass-day, belonging to Patrick Frazer of Broadland.

March, S. Monnence fair into the honorable City of Aberdeen the first day. Marnoch fair at the kirk of Leuchell the first tuesday belonging to the right honorable, Sir Iohn Forbes of Cragivar.

Faires, whiles in March, and whiles in April.

Midlenton fair at Tarntie-Banchrie, on thuriday before Midlenton-sund. belonging to the right honorable the Laird of Leys. Palm-sunday at Ferndraught, &c. Skierthursdays fair on thuriday before Pasch, in Old-Aberdeen. A fair at New-Lessly, on tuesday before Pasch, belonging to the right Worshipful, Iohn Forbes, Laird of Leslie.

April, S. Oles fair at Cruden in Buchan, the first tuesday, belonging to the Noble Earle of Errol. Donald fair at the kirk of Auchterless in Buchan, the 17 day, belonging to the right honorable, Sir James Meldrum of Hatton. Rude fair, at the town of Rattray in Buchan, upon the last tuesday, being eight dayes before Rude faire in Ellon.

May, Rude fair into the town of Ellon in Buchan, the 3 day. S. Iohn's fair at the town of Old-Meldrum, upon the last tuesday, belonging to the right honorable, the Laird of Meldrum. S. Iohns fair also, at Glenquithel in Buchan, upon the last wednesday, belonging to the right honorable, Sir James Baird of Auchmedden.

Fairs, whiles into May, and whiles into Iune.

A fair at Leslie, on thuriday before Whitsunday belonging to the Right Worshipfull, Iohn Forbes Laird of Leslie. Whitsuntuesday-fair, called Pardon-day, at the town of Peterhead in Buchan, belonging to the Right Noble Earle of Marischal.

Iune, A fair at the Kirk-town of New-Deer in Buchan, the second tuesday, belonging also to the Earle of Marischall. S. Colms-fair at Drumhead in Belhelvie, upon the second tuesday also, belonging

The whole Fairs of Scotland exactly,

lenging to the Right Noble Earle of Panmure. S. Colms-fair at the kirk town of David into the Gerry, upon the 2 tuesd. likewise. S. Margarets fair upon the Mains of Keith-hall, (sometyme called Caskyben) upon the third tuesday, belonging to the Right Noble and Potent, the Earle of KINTORE. S. Edwards fair at Turreff in Buchan, upon the third tuesday also, belonging to the noble Earle of Errol. S. Iohn the Baptist fair into the town of Frasersburgh in Buchan, upon the 24 day. S. Serffs fair at the kirk of Cullalmon into the Gerty, upon the last tuesday.

July, Peter fair at the town of Peter-head in Buchan, upon the 5 day, belonging to the Noble Earle of Marischal. Aikie fair at the town of Old-Deer in Buchan, upon the second tuesday, belonging also to the Noble Earle of Marischal. S. Margarets fair at Frendraught, &c. S. Margarets fair at Tarves, the third tuesday, belonging to the right honorable, Sir George Gordon of Haddo. S. Andrew's fair, at the kirk of Glas in Straboggie; on tuesday after the 15 day, belonging to George Gordon of Edenglassie. Pol-linar fair, at the town of Inverurie the last tuesday. Lambmas fair at the town of Turreff in Buchan, upon the last tuesday also, belonging to the Right Noble Earle of Erroll. A fair also at New-Lessie upon the last tuesday, belonging to the Right Worshipfull Iohn Forbes, Laird of Lessie.

August, S. Lawrence fair, into the town of Old-Rain, in the Gerry, upon the first tuesday. Marymas-fair at the town of Monymusk, upon the second tuesday, holding two dayes fully, belonging to the Right Honorable, Sir Iohn Forbes of Monymusk. Marrimass fair, into the town of Ellon in Buchan, the third tuesday. Marrimass fair at the town of Rattray in Buchan, upon the third tuesday likewise. Barthol-fair at the town of Kincairn of Niel, upon the last tuesday, belonging to my Lord FORBES.

September, A fair at the town of Inverurie, upon the 8 day. Latter-Mary-fair into the town of Monymusk, upon the second tuesday, holding two whole dayes, belonging to the Right Honorable, Sir Iohn Forbes of Monymusk. A fair at Old-Lessie, the 21 day. Latter-Mary fair, at the town of Rattray in Buchan, upon the third tuesday, belonging to Patrick Fraser of Broadland. Michell fair at New-Lessie, upon the 29 day, belonging to the Right worshipful, Iohn Forbes Laird of Lessie. Michel fair at Frendraught

October, Cowin-fair at the town of Turreff in Buchan, the first tuesday, belonging to the Earle of Errol. Trewell fair at the kirk of

The whole Fairs of Scotland exactly,

of Kenethmonth, the second tuesday. A fair at Drumhead in Belhelvie, the second Wednesday, belonging to the Noble Earle of Panmure. S. Judes fair at Glenquithel in Buchan, the penult wednesday, belonging to the Right Honorable, Sir James Baird of Auchmedden. S. Lukes fair in Old Aberdeen the third tuesday. Hallow fair at the town of Rattray in Buchan, the last tuesday, belonging to that worthy Gentleman, Patrick Fraser of Broadland, with my hearty Commendations to Himself, & to his Vertuos, Discreet, Modest, and most Christian Lady. I. F.

November, Martin-mass fair at Straboggie the 11 day. Bryack fair at the Kirk of Cowl, the 22 day, belonging to the Right Honorable, the Laird of Drum. Andersmass fair at Stradon, 29 day. Andersmass fair at the town of Frasersburgh in Buchan, the same 29 day. S. Andrews fair, at the town of Old-Meldrum, on the last tuesday, belonging to the Right Honorable, the Laird of Meldrum

December, S. Nicolas fair into the honorable City of Aberdeen the 7 day. Dustan fair at the kirk town of Deer, upon the 14 day, belonging to the Noble Earle of Marischal. S. Davids fair at the kirk-town of David, into the Gerry, upon tuesday after Yule.

The Fairs of the whole Shire of Catness, are, as followeth,

S. Minnans fair at an old Chapple in Frelwick, within the Parish of Canespie, upon the second day of May. Rude-Mess fair at the Chapple of Dyne, within the parish of Watten, upon the third day of May. Petermass fair into the town of Thurso, upon the 29 day of June. Marimass fair into the town of Dinnet, upon the 15 day of August. A fair at the Chapple of Dyne, within the parish of Watten, upon the 15 day of September. Lukemass-fair at Kester within the parish of Dinnet, upon the 18 day of October. Hallowmass fair, into the town of Dumbeth, upon the first day of November. Meg-mass fair at the kirk of Bower, on the 9 day of November. Trod-mass fair, at the kirk of Olrick, on the 14 day of November. Fergus-mass fair into the town of Wike, on the 15 day of November. Kela-mass fair at the kirk of Rey, upon the 14 day of December. Mans-mass fair at the kirk of Watten, on the 15 day of December.

Some Fairs of the Shyre of Orkney.

Palm Sunday's fair into the town of Kirkwall, which stands the whole week, after Palm Sunday. Lambas fair into the town of Kirkwall, upon the 3 day of August, and stands 7 days. Martinmass fair into the town of Kirkwall, the whole Martinmass week. Thus hoping these Honorable Gentlemen (concerned) will notice my pains, and most Nobly Gratifie me for the same: both Carnes & Orkney

The whole Fairs, of the rest of the Shires of Scotland, in Generall, are as followeth, most exactly set down.

January, A fair at Kilsyth, the first day. Tantan fair at Lawrence kirk, into the Shyre of the Mearns, the 7 day, belonging to my Lord Hauckerton. S. Mungo's fair in Glasgow on the 13 day. a fair at Dunkel, and at Kilwinning, both on the 21 day.

February, S. Brides fair at Abernethy, and a fair at Forres, into Murray Shire, and Sel-Patricks fair into the town of Innerness, all on the first day. Candlemas fair into the town of Bamff, also, at Dunkel, Dingwal, and at Dowglas, all upon the 2 day. A fair into the town of Cowper, into Fiffe Shire, upon the first Wednesday. S. Valentins fair into Linlithgow the 14 day. A fair into the town of Forfar, within the Shire of Angus, on the 15 day, holding 8 days. Ashwednesdays fair at Lanerk, begins on Fastens-Even. A fair at Vallayfield, upon the 24 day.

March, A fair at Dumfermling, Abercherder, S. Marnoch kirk, and at Strathven, all upon the first day. A fair at Petten-weem on the 3 day. a fair at Markinch on the 6 day. S. Duthos fair, into the town of Tain, in Ross-shire, upon the 9 day. A fair at Dumblane the first wednesday. S. Marks fair into the town of Innerness, and at Auchtermuil, both on the 10 day. S. Causnan on the 12 day. S. Patrick's fair in Dumbarton, and at the kirk of Strageeth, and into the town of Kirkaldy, into Fiffe-shire, all on the 16 day. A fair at S. Johnston on the 19 day. S. Cuthberts fair in Langtown of the Mers on the 20 d. Ladie-day into the town of Wester-Weems upon the 25 d belonging to the Noble Earle of Weems. A fair into the town of Bamff, and at Auchtermuchty, both on the 25 d.

Fairs, whiles in March, and whiles in April.

Palm Sunday fair at the kirk of Foirc, and into the town of Innerness, and also into S. Johnston, all upon munday thereafter. S. Marks fair at the town of Forres in Murray shire, on tuesday after Easter. Skierthursday's fair into the towns of Glasgow, Dumbarton, Cowper in Angus shire, and Elgin in Murray shire, all on thursday before Pasch. Pasch-mundays fair, into the town of Cowper, in Fiffe shire, and at Lanerk, and Irwing, all on munday after Pasch. Low Sundays fair after Pasch, into the town of Killimure, and all the week after at the Senzie of S. Andrews. An excellent new fair at the town of Borrowstoness, into the shire of Linlithgow, upon the first tuesday after Pasch, belonging to his Grace, my Lord Duke HAMMILTON. also a fair at Corstorphine the same day.

April

The Dismal or perillous dayes of the year.

MAsters of Astronomy and Physick that these arts first found, tell the most perillous and dangerous dayes in the year; in which if any man or woman be let blood of wound or vein, they shall die within 21 dayes following. Or whoſo falleth into ſickneſs on any of theſe days, they ſhall never eſcape it till they be dead. And whoſo taketh any great journey in any of theſe dayes to go from home, he ſhall be in danger to die ere he come again. And whoſo weddeth a wiſe in any of theſe days, they ſhall ſoon be parted, or elſe they ſhall live together with much ſorrow. And whoſo beginneth in any of theſe days any great work, it ſhall never come to good end; and theſe are the dayes following. In January are eight dayes, that is to ſay, the 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, and 19. In February three dayes, the 8, 10, and 17. In March are 3 dayes, the 15, 16, and 21. In April are two dayes, the 15, and 21. In May are three dayes, the 7, 15, and 20. In June are two dayes, the 4, and 7. In July are two dayes, the 15, and 20. In Auguſt are two dayes, the 19 and 20. In September are two dayes, the 6, and 7. In October is one, the 6. In November are two, the 5, and 19. In December are three dayes, the 6, 7, and 11. and others ſay, the 15, and 16.

And whoſo will learn the Cannicular or Dog dayes, which are dayes of great danger and peril, may know they begin the 19 day of July, and continue to the 28 of Auguſt; which ſeaſon is very perillous to take ſickneſs; and it is perillous to take drinke and medicines, or to let blood; but if it be great need, then it muſt be before the miſt of the day.

A true propheſie.

IN the beginning of this year,
Great things in Britain ſhall appear,
Four crowned Kings into a place,
Shall for a time make buſineſs:
There ſhall be in their company
Men of rank, and of all degree.
The dead bones then ſhall tumbled be
From place to place, as men ſhall ſee,
The bowels of the dead ſhall cry,

And

And to the quick make melody ;
 Then many shall lament full sore,
 Which oftentimes did laugh before.
 Indeed the rumour shall not cease,
 Nor yet the parties be at peace,
 Till the herauld lift up his beck,
 Whose voice doth cruel lyons quake.
 The maike of him was never born,
 His beard of flesh, his mouth of horn.
 And then the wonder shall be seen,
 The dead shall bury the quick at even,
 The Herauld slain, his garment riven,
 All shall be done before Fastens even.

IN the year that January shall enter on the Tuesday, the Winter shall be unstedfast and changeable, for without all doubt it shall frieze in the prime, which shall hurt sore the Rye, the Vines and the Flowers. The Summer shall be dry, hot and burning, insomuch that the Garden Herbs shall have no power to come out of the ground. All things shall be dear save only Corn: many men shall die of the bloody flux, there shall be no tidings of thunder, lightning, nor tempest, but all flesh shall be very dear. Many wines shall this year turn, and so be naught.

*Vulgar notes and observations, to know
 When the Moon riseth or sets, &c.*

1. At the Change, she riseth and setteth with the Sun.
2. At the Full Moon, she riseth when the Sun sets, and sets when the Sun riseth.
3. At the beginning of the increase, she riseth after Sun rising, and setteth after Sun set.
4. At the beginning of the Decrease, she riseth a little after Sun set, and sets a little before his rising.
5. In the first quarter of her increase, she riseth about noon or mid-day, and sets about Mid-night.
6. In the second quarter of her Decrease, she riseth at Mid-night, and sets about Noon or Mid-day.

And hence we may know (near enough for the common use

use of Land-men, but not for Sea-men), the intermediate times of the Moons rising every day slower by one hour, & about one fifth part, viz. 12 minuts.

*Here followeth a more ready and plain way,
how to find the day of the age of the Moon,
then ever heretofore by any Tables.*

You must add the Epact for that year to the day of the Moneth, wherein you desire to know the day of the Moons age, (viz.) For the moneth of January adde 0 nothing, for Februar adde 2, for March adde 1, for Aprile adde 2, for May adde 3, for June adde 4, for July adde 5, for August adde 6, for September adde 8, for October adde 8, for November adde 10, and for December adde 10. *Nota*, But if the sum extend above 30, then take away thirty from it, and what number there remains over 30, are the true dayes of the Moons age required. As for example, I desire to know the day of the Moons age upon the first day of Januar, the same year 1678. so I find the Epact the said Year to be 17. and the day required, being the first day of the moneth 1. that being added together makes 18. to which for the moneth of Januar you know there is nothing to be added, therefore the Moon is then just 18 dayes old. Another Example, I desire to know how many days old the Moon is upon the first day of May the same year 1678. Thus as aforesaid, the Epact is 17. and the first day of the moneth 1. which added together, maketh 18. then as before, I seek for the number that is to be added for the moneth of May, which I find is 3. so that this 3 being added to the foresaid 18. maketh in all 21, so that the Moon is then 21 dayes old. More Examples were needless, this being a more plain and easie way than any ever heretofore invented to this purpose.

This

THis Winter shall be unstedfast; and not comfortable
and I vow there shall be frost in the spring, which
shall greatly hurt the fruit of Scotland, the flowers in
gland, the vines in France, and the banquerours in Ireland.

The Summer shall be dry, hot, and parching, in so much
that garden herbs shall perish.

All things shall be dear, except only corn, whereof
be such abundance in the lower ground, that the higher
parts shall have no need.

Little fat flesh, but good store of fish. The wines
be noughty and rotten, so that many shall be vexed with
cough or hosting; yea, die of the bloody fluxes. Be
Cummers. Merchants and Musicians shall hardly thrive
where Pedlers and Fiddlers for state do thrive.

As for our youngers, Such as is their Ramming time
Such also is their Lamming time.

Of Maids, One is no number: a maid is nothing than
without the sweet society of man.

How women will approve themselves this year.

I spare my time to spend,
For even as first they did begin,
So let them strive to end.

¶ Into the month of July back,
In Bamff appears a wondrous mark:
Five brethren shall be born at once,
without either flesh, blood or bones,
Two shall have beards, two shall have none,
The fifth shall have but half a one.

In this year will be great rumors of warrs: but the
best man shall not prove the best souldier, neither the
blest mans son the best schollar, nor yet the richest the
merchant.

Many Tennents shall leave their habitations void to
greedy Landlords. Some strife amongst Noblemen,
great loss unto Cautioners and creditors, by their vani-
tious and desperate debtors. Many shall be to seek
term of payment, and sundry take their leave with
farewel.

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